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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING UN OFFICES FROM SANTIAGO

REF: SANTIAGO 5268

1. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION AUGUST 21, ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECLA, AGAIN REFERRED TO HIS FEAR OF A CAMPAIGN AT 30TH UNGA TO CAUSE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY OFFICES FROM SANTIAGO. HE WAS WORRIED BY RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY SOCIALIST GROUP IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT JULY 10 (DOCUMENT 193/75) CALLING FOR THE EC COMMISSION AND COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ITS MEMBER STATES, TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE IN THE UN TO TRANSFER ECLA TO SOME OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY IN WHICH DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES ARE OBSERVED.

2. IGLESIAS MADE OBVIOUS POINT THAT ANY STEP AFFECTING RELOCATION OF A UN REGIONAL AGENCY SHOULD MOST APPROPRIATELY ORIGINATE WITHIN THE REGION ITSELF. HE AGAIN REFERRED TO LENGTHY DISRUPTION WHICH WOULD BE CAUSED BY MOVEMENT OF ECLA TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. AFFIRMED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT ECLA IS HAVING NO DIFFICULTY WITH GOC IN ITS OPERATIONS, AND THAT NO ONE ON ITS

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STAFF HAS BEEN MOLESTED OR OTHERWISE HAMPERED IN HIS WORK.

STATED HE HAD KEPT UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE INFORMED RE POSSIBLE PROBLEM.

3. IGLESIAS SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF CUBANS RAISED SUBJECT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER DURING 30TH UNGA, PERHAPS WHILE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP REPORT WAS BEING CONSIDERED. HE WONDERED WHAT USG ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF SUBJECT CAME UP. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT AS LONG AS AGENCY CONCERNED COULD FUNCTION FREELY, IT WOULD SET A BAD PRECEDENT TO TRANSFER IT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY SOLELY ON BASIS OF DISAPPROVAL OF HOST GOVERNMENT. THUS AMBASSADOR IMAGINED USG WOULD OPPOSE TRANSFER. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OR ELABORATION FROM DEPARTMENT.

4. IGLESIAS ASSERTED THAT IF ASSEMBLY TOOK DECISION TO MOVE ECLA, OFFICES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UN BODIES IN SANTIAGO WOULD SHORTLY THERAFTER BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CITIES. POPPER

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